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RECORD OF DEATHS.

Persons Well Known to Many of Our Readers, Who Have Answered Final Summons.

ALL SEASONS ARE THINE, O DEATH.

MORTON.

Mrs. Peter Morton returned home last Thursday, after having spent a few days visiting in the home of her old neighbor and friend "Aunt Lizzie" Morton, widow of the late George Morton, in Belfast township. More than five years ago, Aunt Lizzie, although at that time 78 years of age, fell and sustained a fracture of a bone in one of her hips and in consequence of which she has not been able to walk a step since. During the last two years she has been bedfast, and much of the time suffering severe pain. Notwithstanding this great affliction, her mind is clear, and she bears it all with christian fortitude. Aunt Lizzie is a sister of Jared Pittman, of the Cove, and of Rev. Ezra Pittman, of Thompson township—both of whom have been dead several years.

Since putting the above in type, we have learned that "Aunt Lizzie" died yesterday morning, and that her funeral will be held at the old homestead on Friday morning at 9 o'clock, and interment will be made in the cemetery at the Sideling Hill Christian church.

Mrs. Morton is survived by three children: Sarah, wife of Richard Hollinshead, of Thompson township, Jennie, wife of Jacob Clevenger, Washington, D. C., and Frances, wife of Bennett A. Truax, living on the old homestead.

PITTMAN.

Mrs. Elizabeth J. Pittman, widow of the late Ex-Sheriff George J. Pittman, died at her home on north Second street, Monday afternoon. Funeral yesterday, and interment in Union cemetery.

Mrs. Pittman was a daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Reeder) Fisher, and was born in Franklin county, on the 19th of May, 1834; hence she was aged 76 years, 3 months, and 3 days. For seventeen days prior to her death, she had typhoid fever, and twenty-four hours before the final collapse, she suffered an apoplectic stroke.

Mrs. Pittman was a member of the Reformed church, an excellent neighbor, and she lived a quiet uneventful life. Her husband died some sixteen or eighteen years ago, and the only survivor of the immediate family is Miss Olive, who was taken into the family when she was two years of age. Miss Mary Fisher residing on First street, is a sister, and Mrs. E. J. Woollet, of the Washington House, is a cousin.

EVANS.

Mrs. Laura C. Evans died at her home in Pittsburg, Wednesday, August 17, 1910, aged 43 years, 2 months, and 12 days. She had been in poor health for some time and had been under treatment in a hospital for about three months.

Mrs. Evans, or Lurie as she was more familiarly known here, was born in Belfast township, and was a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Peck) Plessinger—her father residing in that township at this time. She is also survived by her divorced husband, L. C. Evans, and a son—Walter—residing in Everett, and one daughter, Penelope, in Pittsburg. The remains were brought to Everett and interment made in the cemetery at that place.

Mr. George A. Harris, Prothonotary of Fulton county, and wife, spent several days the first part of the week at the homes of Mrs. Eliza Michael, of Main street, and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Spear, of West Main street.—Everett Republican.

FOR BED BUGS.

Prof. Surface Tells How To Get Rid of These Pests. He Knows Where-Of He Speaks.

To an inquirer who writes the Department of Health asking how to rid his house of bed bugs, Prof. Surface, Economic Zoologist, to whom this letter was referred, outlined the following procedure in his reply:

"I received your letter addressed to the State Health Department and forwarded to me for reply. I beg to say that the various means of getting rid of bed bugs which you have tried, are among those which are considered least efficient by those who have had real practical experience. These means are all right for destroying germs, but when it comes to crawling bugs, they are not so satisfactory. There are two methods of destroying bed bugs.

One is to apply thoroughly all a solution of bichloride of mercury or, in other words, corrosive sublimate. This is not only extremely poisonous, but fatal to pests. It kills them whenever it touches them. It can be put into an oil can and injected into the cracks and crevices, if immediately after using it the can is emptied and washed well, rinsed with water, and then oiled or filled with oil to prevent further action of the corrosive material. You can, of course, not keep it in a metal oil can for a very long time because it will readily corrode the metal and eat its way through it. It can be kept in a bottle, and when you wish to use it transfer it to a spring bottom oil can, and inject it where you wish. You need not be afraid to use this material freely, even though it is rank poison when taken internally.

The other means, which is certain to get rid of bed bugs, is to fumigate thoroughly with hydrocyanic acid gas. This deadly gas is made by dropping potassium cyanide or so-called prussic acid into sulfuric acid and water, in a tightly closed room, and leaving it instantly, so that the operator will not breathe it in the least. It does not injure any fabric, metal, food or other material, although it will kill living plants, animals and insects of all kind when used at the proper strength. While it is safe to use, it must be used with considerable care, and for this reason, I have prepared an article entitled household fumigation, which is published in one of the Monthly Bulletins of the Division of Zoology which is sent free to persons desiring it. Minute directions are therein given. This is the most absolutely certain method of getting rid of bed bugs and other household pests. It is rather expensive, but it cleans the house completely and is satisfactory. I have fumigated several houses, mills, warehouses etc., in our experimental work, and know whereof I speak in saying that it is effective."

Four Generations Present.

It is only in rare instances that it is possible for father and mother to be seated at the family dining table surrounded by the mother of each, and by their own children and grand child, making a direct line of four generations on both the father's and the mother's side of the house. Yet such was the case in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Dalbey in this place at dinner on the 14th inst. Surrounding the family board on that occasion were Mrs. M. E. Dalbey, mother of Dr. Dalbey; Mrs. Ruth Hagen, Mrs. Dalbey's mother; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Reisner, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Jackson, and their little daughter Helen and Miss Elsie Dalbey—the ladies named being sisters of Dr. Dalbey; Dr. and Mrs. Dalbey's children—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dalbey, Miss Minnie, William W., and Alvin—and their grand child, Edward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dalbey.

HARD LUCK.

Harry E. Mort's Dwelling House and Contents Destroyed by Fire Last Week While He Was Away.

On Tuesday of last week, the dwelling house, of Harry E. Mort of Taylor township, together with most of the contents, was destroyed by fire. Harry was working up at the mines on Broadtop. His wife had been doing the family washing, and stopped to prepare dinner. When the meal was almost ready, her little daughter came running in and told her mother that the house was afire. She hastened to the telephone and called up her neighbors, and they hastened to the scene of the fire as fast as was possible; but, owing to the scarcity of water, but little could be done in the way of saving household goods and nothing for the house.

This means hard luck for Harry and his family as there was not a cent's worth of insurance.

Orbisonia, Saturday.

The Orbisonia Baseball Team will appear on our grounds this Saturday, the twenty seventh, and in all probability, the Speed Boys will have a strong team to play. This team has not been in McConnellsburg for more than ten years, hence we are glad they are coming, and we hope to give the fans a more interesting game this week than the game played with Hustontown last Saturday. The Orbisonia boys are a fast bunch, but with the Speed Boys at their best will give them all they are looking for, and hope to send them home with small end of the score.

On Wednesday of next week, thirty-first, the Pleasant Ridge boys will come to McConnellsburg, hoping to repeat the Hustontown score of last week, which is possible but hardly probable, but as all things are possible in baseball and the game is never over till the last man is out, they may make our boys go some.

Every body come to these games and help make baseball a success and we will promise to give you the best we have. We can't win all the games, but we are not afraid to try. We are not professionalists but the boys have their batting eyes on the ball, as you will notice the hit column against the mighty Barton, and with fewer errors we will show Orbisonia Saturday.

A Justice's Duty.

The office of Justice of the Peace is just like any other business, it has its pleasant features and its unpleasant features.

The Justice is called upon to decide questions and disputes arising among his neighbors, and no matter how hard he may try, he cannot decide so as to please both parties, with the result that the dissatisfied party and his friends will blame the Justice for being partial.

The Justice is on his oath, and if he is honest and fair, he must and will get above his personal feelings. A Justice, in nine out of ten cases, would rather discharge the defendant than punish him, provided he consulted his own personal feelings in the matter, but he must be governed by the law and the evidence and not by his feelings. His decisions may not meet with public sentiment and approval, but the answer of a good conscience and the consciousness that he has done right, is better than public sentiment and applause.

Sanitary Drinking Cups.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company is installing in a number of waiting rooms of the passenger depots, an automatic slot machine from which, by dropping a penny in the slot, any person can secure a sanitary drinking cup, which is made of paraffine and is similar to those carried by a great many through trains at present.

SHORT CROPS IN IOWA.

Rev. Geo. B. Shoemaker Writes From Shell Rock, and Says They Have Had Much Dry Weather.

The mention of my name by Mr. Alloway, in his communication in the last issue of the NEWS, caused me to remember that a letter was probably due from me to the readers of your paper. I venture therefore, on this beautiful rainy day, to write.

The rain of last night and today is, in the estimation of the people of Shell Rock and vicinity, beautiful indeed. We have had a long, dry, hot summer. More than one day the heat reached 105 degrees on our back porch, during the afternoon; but we were; with but few exceptions, relieved by having comfortable nights. There has been but little rain since the first of June, until last night, when, with today's rain, we have had nearly two inches of water. The pastures all dried up, except in the timber, and for several weeks stock has had to be fed hay or green corn. With this rain we will have good fall feed in the pastures. The hay crop is short, and the price will be high. Due to the continuous dry weather the oats, barley and wheat straw is bright and clean. It is perfectly free from rust. To the surprise of the farmer, the oats is producing a good crop, ranging from 30 to 54 bushels to the acre by measure, and by weight more than that, for the grain is extra heavy. One farmer expressed his satisfaction by saying, "I raised more oats than I intended too." Because the hay crop is short, much of the corn will be cut up, and later, shreaded. When thus shreaded it makes excellent feed.

The demand for Corn Harvesters is so great that it is hard for the dealers to supply all that are ordered. Farmers in this community, and, indeed, all over Iowa, are putting up Silos, and find them to be very satisfactory and profitable. The potato crop, unless this rain redeems the late potatoes, will be poor. The old adage by the change of one word will describe the situation; "Small potatoes and many in a hill. A young lady, on speaking of paring potatoes for their planting, said "It was like paring peanuts. Iowa fruit is scarce, but the stores are offering all kinds of fruit for sale. Just now the supply is from California. While the fruit is scarce and the gardens dried up, there will be chickens and turkeys galore, and that's enough to make any preacher happy, indeed I know other folks who are "tickled" about it.

The Upper Iowa Conference meets at Charles City, Iowa, September 14, 1910. We are busy closing up the year's work, we are thankful that we will be able to give a good report of our stewardship for the year. No one can tell what a conference will do; and it may be that I shall address you next from a new home. When I shall answer roll call at Charles City, I will have completed thirty three years of active service in the ministry in this conference. I also served six months in Pennsylvania, before coming to Iowa. Hence, my record is a full third of a century in the effective ranks. Whether I shall complete a half century of labor remains to be seen. With kindly greetings to all friends, I am,

Yours cordially,
GEO. B. SHOEMAKER.
Shell Rock, Iowa,
August 17, 1910.

Rehoboth S. S. Picnic.

The Rehoboth Sunday School will hold its annual picnic and Children's Day Saturday, September 3d, in Secrist's Grove. The McConnellsburg band will furnish music for the occasion. Speakers from a distance. Everybody welcome.

BRAKE LEVER BROKE

Causing Ira Diehl to Have Serious Mishap on Mountain With Load of Lumber.

Roe Mellott, of Big Cove Tannery, has a sawmill at work in Belfast township, near Maple Grove schoolhouse. Last Saturday Ira Diehl, who is employed by Mr. Mellott started to haul a load of lumber across Scrub Ridge mountain on the Blackwood road. Being seated on the load with one foot on the brake, he had just started to descend the east side of the mountain, when the lever suddenly broke, pitching Mr. Diehl off the load down among the rocks. The brakes being released, the wagon pushed ahead—down the mountain—the team doing their best to keep out of the way of the oncoming load, until the off side mule was caught and thrown down below the road, and the other mule and the lead horse, managed to save themselves and were found standing in the road sometime later by Mr. Diehl, who, when he gathered himself together after being thrown from the load, went in search of his team.

CURFEW LAW IN EVERETT.

All Children Under Sixteen Must Be Off the Street at Nine O'clock, or Go to the Lockup.

The borough council and burgess of Everett have just passed an ordinance that it shall be unlawful for any person under sixteen years of age to be or remain in or upon any of the public streets, alleys or public commons in the borough, at night time after the hour of nine o'clock, unless such person is accompanied by a parent, guardian or other person having the legal custody of such minor person; or said minor person is in the performance of an errand directed by said parent, guardian or other person having the care or custody of said minor person, or whose employment makes it necessary to be on streets, alleys or public commons during the night time after the specified hour; but even then unnecessary lounging or loitering on said streets, alleys or commons is forbidden and made liable to punishment.

Farmers and Automobiles.

A great deal has been said about the buying of automobiles by farmers, about the extravagance of such buying, about the waste of the purchase money because it is expended for something that does not add to the permanent wealth of the country, and so forth. But it has not been shown that the farmers who bought automobiles have sunk themselves in financial difficulties on that account. In that respect they are unlike their city brethren, some of whom go into debt to keep in the fashion. It is estimated that a couple hundred millions of dollars are spent for automobiles every year. A comparatively small part of this whole is spent by farmers, and their share becomes insignificant when one remembers that the agricultural output is worth seven or eight billions of dollars a year.

The farmers can answer all the hints and predictions of extravagance in the buying of automobiles by saying that the American public spends twenty millions of dollars a year for base ball. That is a dead waste of money, for it does not add a dollar to the wealth of the people. It is a good thing to enjoy one's self occasionally, but the farmer should have some enjoyment too. He doesn't get much chance to spend money on baseball, and if he likes anything else that's about the thing he would like. Anyhow, the more automobiles the farmers own the sooner the States will be provided with good roads.

THRESHING MACHINE ACCIDENTS.

Job Clark, of Belfast, John Tice, of Todd, and Lewis Clevenger, of Ayr, Among the Victims.

The threshing machine seems to be getting in its work this year, and several persons bear the marks of a too close familiarity with the big machines.

A few days ago, Mr. Job Clark, of Belfast township, 85 years of age had the misfortune to have one of his hands caught in the cog-gear of an old fashioned threshing machine with the result that he now has a badly lacerated hand.

John Tice, of Knobsville, who for many years has run a steam-threshing outfit in the upper end of the Cove, was, on Tuesday, assisting in the threshing at Squire Daniel E. Fore's. By some means, his left hand was caught and drawn between a set of revolving cog wheels, and the fingers badly crushed. The third finger was amputated, and he may yet lose part of the first and second. While Mr. Tice is not a young man, he is gamey, and we hope to see him good as ever in a short time.

Lewis Clevenger, of Ayr township, is working with Rowe Mellott's big thrasher, and Tuesday they were threshing on the old Knauff place, now tenanted by Luther Gordon. A belt becoming detached from the "worm" pulley, Mr. Clevenger was attempting to adjust it, when another flew off hitting him a stunning blow across the forehead causing his eyes to swell shut in a short time.

LATEST COMET.

Only Discovered Wednesday of Last Week, but It Promises to Be a Good One.

If the comet discovered Wednesday morning of last week by the Rev. Joel H. Metcalf, of Taunton, Mass., and named for him "Metcalf's Comet," fulfills the promises it has given, the world will be treated in the next two months to a more spectacular sight than that attendant upon the visit of Halley's comet, which, of course, is not saying a great deal.

Since the latest celestial wanderer has been officially observed but twice, once by its discoverer and again by Prof. Asaph Hall and two assistants at the Naval Observatory, Washington, it is impossible to say exactly when it will come near enough to the earth to be distinguished with the naked eye. But from present indications, when it does come near, it will present an appearance second to none of the comets seen within the last century.

The Presbyterian Church.

Presbyterians donated toward all purposes the sum of \$21,958.968 during the year ending March 31, 1910. The total communicants in the Church number 1,339,000. These figures were given out last week by the Rev. Dr. William H. Roberts, stated clerk of the General Assembly. According to the figures, the Presbyterian Church is increasing its membership. The contributions also have kept pace with the increase in membership, and are considerably larger than last year.

At present, according to the report, there are 37 synods, 293 presbyteries, and 10,011 churches. Last year there were 9097 churches. The number of ordained ministers in the Church is at present 9073, the greatest number in its history. Candidates for the ministry numbered 1152, also a record for any year. The Sunday school membership of the Church is 1,211,537, this number of children in the Sunday schools, it is pointed out, being larger in proportion to the number of communicants than in any other denomination.

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Snapshots at Their Comings and Goings Here for a Vacation, or Away for a Restful Outing.

NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED

Judge Humbert was in town on Saturday.

Miss Jessie Brewer, near town is visiting relatives near Sylvania.

B. H. Shaw, of Hustontown, was a town visitor on Saturday. Charles Richardson, of Fort Littleton, was in town on Saturday.

Miss Sadie Michaels, of Everett is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Geo. W. Hays.

James E. Lyon and wife, of Gracey, were in town on Saturday.

Robert Alexander, of this place made a little trip to Chambersburg Monday and Tuesday.

Among the visitors to town from Hustontown on Saturday was W. H. Ranck.

Allen V. Shaffner and wife, of Huntington, are visiting their uncle, M. R. Shaffner, Esq., in this place.

Miss Minnie Dalbey, after spending two weeks with her parents in this place, has returned to Pittsburg.

Miss Mary Rumel, of Gettysburg, is visiting in the family of her uncle James W. Rumel's family in this place.

J. M. Myers and family, of Mercersburg, spent Sunday with Mrs. Myers' mother, Mrs. R. M. Kendall.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Skiles, of Pleasant Ridge, called a few minutes at the News office, while in town last Thursday.

Hykes and John Culler, of Plum Run, spent Saturday and Sunday with their aunt, Mrs. Mary A. Kelly.

Samantha and Nettie Mellott returned last week from a two-weeks' visit with friends in Belfast township.

Mr. Harvey Stoner, of Lancaster, is spending his annual summer vacation with his father, William Stoner, at the old home in this place.

Miss Lib V. Hess, who has been spending a few years in Iowa, is visiting among her Fulton county friends. She arrived in town Tuesday evening.

Emory Wible and wife, and Blaine Anderson and wife and little daughter Margaret, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Mort on Clear Ridge last Sunday.

Mr. Karl de Schweinitz, of Philadelphia, who has been spending the past three months in McConnellsburg, left for Bethlehem, Pa., to be present at the home of his parents upon their return from a trip to Europe.

Rev. J. L. Grove and his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Patterson, left Monday morning for Hopewell, York county, to attend the annual meeting of presbytery of the U. P. church. Mr. Grove returned last evening, but Mr. and Mrs. Patterson expect to spend a few days longer visiting among York county relatives and friends.

Mrs. James Henry, accompanied by her husband and daughter Emma, (Mrs. Geo. Fox) and Mr. D. L. Grissinger, went to Philadelphia last Thursday, and entered St. Mary's Hospital for treatment. On Friday she underwent a surgical operation for the removal of a cancerous growth in her breast. Mr. Henry and Mr. Grissinger returned home Sunday, and her daughter is still with her. The operation seems to have been successful, and from the latest reports received from her, she is getting along nicely. Mrs. Henry's many friends sincerely hope for her speedy recovery.